Region/Centre	Apr-02	May-02	June-02	Jul.-02 >	Aug.-02	Sept.-02	Oct-02
Visakhapatnam	123	118	115	116	120	120	133
Goa	130	133	134	133	130	137	128
Central Region	i						
Lucknow	130	129	134	143	143	133	128
Meerut	132	137	133	138	138	131	132
Faizabad	123	126	134	141	139	128	125
Bareilly	127	131	134	138	136	131	134
Bhopal	119	123	124	127	128	120	114

Closing down of paper mills

2536. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills closed down in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these mills;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to revive some of these paper mills particularly the Orient Paper Mills, Brajraj Nagar in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The data regarding the number of paper mills closed down in the country is not centrally maintained. However, during the period from 1.1.99 to 31.10.02, cases of 80 paper and pulp sick industries were registered with the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), a quasi judicial body, under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. State-wise number of sick paper mills is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(b) Major reasons of sickness as reported by the sick companies at the time of registration include change in Government policies, managerial/ production/technical/marketing/financial problems and lack of adquate infrastructure.

(c) and (d) Under the existing policy of industrial sickness, BIFR deals with the problems of sick industrial companies. Revival of sick industrial units is also undertaken by amalgamation/merger of sick units with the healthy units and this is encouraged by granting certain concessions to healthy units which undertake such amalgamation. Reserve Bank of India has also issued guidelines to banks and financial institutions for strengthening the monitoring systems and arresting industrial sickness at the incipient stage. No proposal is under consideration in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for the revival of sick paper mills including the Orient Paper Mills, Brajraj Nagar, Orissa.

Statement

State-wise Number of Sick paper Mills

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of sick paper mills
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Chhattisgarh	1
4.	Goa	0
5.	Gujarat	11
6.	Haryana	0
7.	Kerala	2
8.	Karnataka	2
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2
10.	Maharashtra	18
11.	NCT Delhi	9
12.	Orissa	0
13.	Punjab	7
14.	Rajasthan	0
15.	Tamil Nadu	7
16.	Uttar Pradesh	13
17.	West Bengal	4
	TOTAL	80